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Hi Chris:

Sorry for not getting back with you sooner on the keys and the shorebird counts. Regardless, I am now returning the refuge key form for your files. Thanks much for providing me with a key to have better access to the refuge. Your effort is greatly appreciated.

As for the shorebird counts, I have included hard copies of each survey. Also, these data have been entered in the Shorebird Monitoring Database managed by the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture Office. I enjoyed very much counting birds on the refuge and am looking forward to spending some time there again this summer and fall. Also, looking forward to meeting with you, Bob Strader, and others to discuss a management scheme for the various catfish ponds on Morgan Brake.

Again, thanks for being so helpful with regards to access to the refuge. You have some great places here and have been doing a good job of getting things moving forward. Chat with you soon.

Best Regards,

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Bird species and number of individuals counted at Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge (? County, MS) from 15:15 - 17:15 on 12 August 2001. This count was conducted and compiled by Mark S. Woodrey and Bruce Reid. This list follows the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) Check-list of North American Birds (1998, 7th edition).

SPECIES	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe	10
Double-crested Cormorant	2
American Anhinga	5
Great Blue Heron	10
Great Egret	75
Snowy Egret	65
Little Blue Heron	65
Tri-colored Heron	5
Cattle Egret	5
Green Heron	2
White Ibis	35
Mallard	2
Blue-winged Teal	80
Mississippi Kite	1
Northern Bobwhite	2
Semipalmated Plover	1
Killdeer	80
Lesser Yellowlegs	10
Spotted Sandpiper	5
Semipalmated Sandpiper	10
Western Sandpiper	4
Least Sandpiper	425
Pectoral Sandpiper	150
Unknown Small-sized Shorebirds	110
Least Tern	1
Mourning Dove	20

Belted Kingfisher	1
Loggerhead Shrike	1
Blue Jay	2
Cliff Swallow	35
Barn Swallow	35

Bird species and number of individuals counted at Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge (Holmes County, MS) from 10:45 - 12:45 on 16 September 2001. This count was conducted and compiled by Mark S. Woodrey, Lorie Yates, Bruce Reid, Randy Wilson, and Stacy Anderson. This list follows the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) Check-list of North American Birds (1998, 7th edition).

SPECIES	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe	22
Double-crested Cormorant	15
Great Blue Heron	20
Great Egret	20
Snowy Egret	85
Little Blue Heron	18
Tri-colored Heron	1
Cattle Egret	25
White Ibis	75
Glossy Ibis	1
Turkey Vulture	2
Blue-winged Teal	46
Northern Shoveler	7
American Kestrel	1
American Coot	4
Killdeer	33
Lesser Yellowlegs	2
Pectoral Sandpiper	3
Mourning Dove	9
Barred Owl	1
Chimney Swift	12
Belted Kingfisher	1
Loggerhead Shrike	1
White-eyed Vireo	1
American Crow	2

Northern Rough-winged Swallow	50
Barn Swallow	10
Carolina Wren	1
Gray Catbird	2
Northern Mockingbird	5
Northern Cardinal	2